

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 29-33 are pending. By this amendment, claim 33 is canceled, and the subject matter thereof is incorporated into claim 29. No new matter is added.

Claims 29-32 are presented for prosecution.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, claims 29-33 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 6, 19, 20 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,465,956. Claims 29-33 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,386.


To overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer regarding claims 29-32. Claim 33 has been canceled. Accordingly, in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed concerning claims 29-32, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing matter number 107156-00092.

Respectfully submitted,

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